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intimately not only as a Harijan leader but also as one of the Ministers of this State. He was a great man with moderate and level-headed ideas on all questions including the uplift of the Harijans. He was not an extremist advocate on even Harijan problems and he always took up a well balanced position on such questions. I have not had the pleasure of knowing the third gentleman but I join in paying my tributes to all the three who have been mentioned by the Hon. the Leader of the House."

* MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Hon. Members of the House, I wish to associate myself with this Resolution of Condolence on the demise of the three estimable Members we had in this House before. Belonging to the medical profession, I had opportunities of knowing Dr. T. S. S. Rajan fairly intimately and particularly so when he was a Minister of this Government. I was always struck with the very firm views he had on things and there was no changing him when he had taken some decision. He knew exactly where he stood and for this people always respected him. He was a great figure in the medical profession particularly from the way in which he rose from nothing to the highest level in the profession to which anybody can aspire to in our country.

" Sri V. I. Muniswami Pillai was also known to me fairly well and I had great regard for him, for his personality and his character. He was a very charming man and we mourn his loss now.

" I did not know Sri S. Ellappa Chettiar but from the reports I have seen in the papers and from the sentiments expressed here, he too was an estimable man and we have lost him also.

" I shall now request the Members to stand for a minute."

The resolution was carried *nem. con.* all the Members standing.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Candidates appointed under rule 9 (a) (i) of the service rules.

* 1 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether candidates appointed under General Rule 9 (*a*) (i) are allowed to appear for Departmental Tests ; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) The Departmental Tests are open only to persons appointed on a regular basis by the Commission or other competent authority to posts for which such tests are prescribed as a part of probation or for promotion or for increment, etc. As appointments of persons made under rule 10 (*a*) (i) [original rule 9 (*a*) (i)] of the General Rules for the Madras State and Subordinate Services are purely temporary they are not eligible to appear for the Departmental Tests."

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SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Sir, may I know whether there is no possibility of some at least of these 9 (a) (i) candidates being absorbed by the process of regularization of their services? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, we have been trying our best to absorb them but the question of departmental tests is a different thing."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Sir, may I know, why there should be a ban on these 9 (a) (i) candidates from appearing for these departmental tests when they themselves knowing fully well that there is no guarantee of their being absorbed take the risk? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the competition is already too great. We cannot go on simply adding to the number of competitors."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that there is a feeling among these candidates, that this being an educational qualification, there should not be any ban on their acquiring it when they are young and without any encumbrances? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is just the point that requires examination. This is not to be treated as some sort of an educational examination for a degree or the S.S.L.C. and things like that. It is a departmental test which should be imposed on those who have a good chance of utilizing that qualification."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, may I know whether the rules relating to the appointment of the Backward Classes of citizens in Public Services are observed in the case of recruitment of these 9 (a) (i) candidates? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I do not think that hereafter there will be any such recruitment. A large number of them are already waiting to be absorbed. If there is any further recruitment, I shall keep the hon. Member's suggestion in mind."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" Sir, may I know whether it is a fact that hard cases of 9 (a) (i) candidates were considered already they were allowed to sit for the Service Commission Examination and absorbed in the service? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is true."

Scales of pay of nursing orderlies, stretcher bearers, etc.

* 2 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the salary paid to (i) male nursing orderlies; (ii) female nursing orderlies; (iii) stretcher bearers; (iv) lascars; and (v) sweepers employed in Government Hospitals in Madras City?